

LAWMAKERS

**COMMITTEE AGAINST BILL TO
RESTRICT SHIPPING
LIQUOR**

COUNTY DIVISION FIGHT

**Meeting Hard Fight to Prevent
Division of Hillsboro County—
Other Important Measures**

Live Oak, May 8.—Both houses of the legislature yesterday spent the day in the consideration of proposed amendments to the constitution. One by Mr. Wilcox, of Calhoun, reducing the number of county commissioners from three to five, and providing for their election by respective districts was passed after being amended to change the number at five, the others more favorable considera-

tion the house adjourned the previous afternoon, it had pending before it a motion by Mr. Dudley, of Hillsboro, to lay on the table the bill of Mr. Clark, of Jefferson, to amend the constitution to give the legislature power to direct legislation in the initiative and referendum. Mr. Kirkland, of Lake, and Mr. Walton, both spoke in favor of the amendment quoting in support of its principles Wm. J. Bryan and the Democratic national platform, and the motion to indefinitely postpone was tabled by a vote of 12 to 10. The resolution then went to the committee to be reported at a later date.

Mr. Farris, of Duval, (of Marion) amended the bill to give the office of county clerk to the engrossing committee without opposition. The amendment of Mr. MacWilliams, of Duval, that judicial salaries be fixed by the legislature passed unanimously in the

house two resolutions by Mr. Crane, which had previously been passed by the house requesting Congress to call a convention to propose amendments to the Federal constitution, and for election of delegates to that convention by popular vote. The resolutions were referred back to the committee on constitutional amendments. Mr. Crane spoke in support of the resolutions, expressing the hope that they would not fail of passage. Introduced by a member who did not affiliate with either party since the principles of the resolutions were good. Mr. Hummer, of Duval, also favored the resolutions. Mr. Crane expressed his sympathy with the objects of the resolutions, but thought it best to postpone a constitutional convention until the measures to be submitted to Congress should be of a more practical nature. The resolutions to re-commit prevailed.

At the close of the morning session, the house spent the day in the consideration of the bill of Mr. Crane, providing for the apportionment of the state into counties. The bill was introduced by Mr. Crane, of Duval, and was supported by Mr. Hummer, of Duval, and Mr. Zim, of Duval. The bill was passed by a vote of 17 to 9.



Once again, "What are you going to do about it?"

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In the House.

Members of the house have been very considerate the past few days in withdrawing bills, and this, together with the extra sessions, has considerably relieved the congested condition of the calendar.

The most of the house proceedings not already covered were routine matters relative importance. Though upward of two hours was spent during the afternoon session in consideration of house bill No. 194, by Mr. Smith of Lake, making it unlawful for any person or persons, individuals, companies or corporations, public or private carriers, to bring into, transport or transfer to others in any county, district, city, town or precinct in this state where the sale of intoxicating liquors has been prohibited, prescribing conditions under which liquor may be brought into such county, district, city, town or precinct defining what is the plan of sale of such liquor and providing penalties for violation of the act. Mr. Farris, of Duval, moved to indefinitely postpone the bill, which placed it before the house for discussion. Those speaking in favor of the motion were Messrs. Farris, MacWilliams, DuPont and Milliner, and those speaking in favor of the bill were Messrs. Crawford, Kilgore, Williams and Wilson of Hernando. The bill was objected to both upon constitutional grounds and as a question of good policy. One of the points most strongly brought out being that while the bill, if constitutional, would prohibit the shipment of liquors from one county to another within this state, it could not prevent and did not aim to prevent shipments from other states, resulting thereby in a discrimination against Florida liquor dealers. Mr. MacWilliams argued at length from a constitutional standpoint, while Mr. Crawford, of Orange, made an impassioned appeal from a temperance standpoint. After a thorough discussion, Mr. Richbourg of Walton, moved to lay on the table a motion to indefinitely postpone, which was carried by a vote of 46 to 11. Those voting "no" on roll call being Messrs. Calkins of Nassau; Clarke of Jefferson; DuPont of St. Johns; Farris of Duval; Griggs of Franklin; MacWilliams of St. Johns; Matthews of Marion; Milliner of Madison; Reese of Escambia; Wartman of Marion and Watson of Dade. Mr. Jones, of Brevard, changing from "no" to "aye" before the vote was announced. It will be observed that most of the members voting in the negative are from "wet" counties and vice versa.

More County Division.

For a few days longer the legislature will be confronted with county division problems. The bills for the creation of Seminole and Eden counties out of DeSoto county were reported unfavorably in the house yesterday morning, and today the senate will take action upon Mr. Hudson's bill for the creation of Palm Beach county, comprising the northern por-

MET AWFUL ACCIDENT.

**Run Down By Train Skull Crushed
and Otherwise Injured.**

Within only a few hours until he would become a groom a white man, a carpenter, by the name of James, was run down by a north-bound passenger train on the Atlantic Coast Line about a mile north of the passenger station, and just beyond the city limits, Sunday morning at an early hour, and this accident may cost him his life.

The pilot of the engine struck the man's head, which indicated that he was evidently asleep on the edge of the track. He was hurled several feet, sustaining other serious injuries. It is reported, and was taken aboard the train, being conveyed to the hospital of the Atlantic Coast Line at Waycross.

Very little is known, or could be learned, of this mysterious man, and the accident, which was equally mysterious. It is said that he is a carpenter employed by the Atlantic Coast Line, and that he came to Gainesville early Saturday evening. It is further stated that he was to have been married to a lady at Hague, ten miles north of the city, Sunday afternoon, but there is one thing sure, the misfortune which befell him will have a tendency to delay the solemn ceremony indefinitely, for the man is said to be in a precarious condition.

Nothing is known of the movement of the man after midnight, but it is supposed that, becoming tired of waiting for the train, he decided to walk to Hague, and when a short distance out lay down to rest and went to sleep.—Gainesville Sun.

Tonight the senate committee on city and county organization will consider the house bill for the creation of Pinellas county out of West Hillsborough. Mr. Crane, who represents that district in the senate, is chairman of this committee, and it is universally conceded that his position will be the greatest factor in the matter. A delegation of five from Tampa arrived yesterday to fight the bill before the senate, and reports from Hillsborough would seem to indicate that the county seat is going through one of its regular paroxysms of brain storm and "Dementia Americana" or some similar ailment to which the metropolis of South Florida is subject upon occasions when other portions of the county in which it is situated undertake propositions of which the county seat does not approve of entirely. The proposition to create Pinellas county appeared at first to have been regarded as a joke by the opponents of the measure; but it is realized now that the matter has passed the joking stage.

ARE IN CUSTODY.

**Cooke and Giry Reported Caught at
Saranac Lake.**

Saranac Lake, N. Y., May 7.—The Rev. J. K. Cooke, late of Hempstead, L. I., has been taken into custody at Saranac Lake. According to the account, the arrest was made by detectives employed by a private agency. The local authorities at Saranac Lake denied knowledge of the arrest.

Platts, N. Y., May 7.—It is reported here that Cooke and Miss Whitley arrived at Saranac about noon and went to a boarding house there.

Cotton Association Meeting at Birmingham.

Atlanta, May 7.—The state presidents of the Southern Cotton Association will hold a meeting in Birmingham on Saturday next, May 11, for the purpose of discussing the plans of the proposed cotton exchange and warehouse system to be organized by the association. Following this meeting President Harvie Jordan and President Walter Clark of the Mississippi division will sail for Europe to attend the international cotton conference at Vienna.

HOWDEN CONVICTED ON PEONAGE CHARGE.

**Prairie Pebble Manager Has Not
Been Sentenced by Judge Locke.**

Tampa, Fla., May 7.—F. I. Howden, general manager of the Prairie Phosphate Company, at Mulberry, Fla., was convicted today of peonage by a jury in the United States Court after two days' trial. Judge Locke reserved sentence.

The court immediately proceeded with the trial of W. C. Sprott, marshal of Mulberry, on a similar charge.

The complainants in the case were Brodsky and Borecki, Russians.

FREIGHT AND WORK TRAIN COLLIDE.

**Two Killed and Nine Injured in an
Alabama Wreck.**

Birmingham, Ala., May 7.—In a collision early today between an extra freight train and the engine of a work train on the Seaboard Air Line near Piedmont, Ala., two men were killed and nine injured.

The dead:
Engineer Birch of Birmingham.
Mike Young, negro.

The injured:
Fireman J. S. Stanley, Birmingham.

Engineer Peek, of Anniston.
Conductor Seymour, Birmingham.

Fireman, J. M. Woods, Ragland, seriously.

Five laborers.

The cause of the accident has not yet been learned.

MEN SHOT AT 'FRISCO

**RIOTS OVER STREET AR STRIKE
ATTENDED BY BLOODY
DEDS**

EIGHT MEN HAVE BEEN SHOT

**A Policeman and Sergeant Among the
Wounded—Strikers and Sympathizers
Fight Strike Breakers**

San Francisco, May 7.—Strike breakers in the uniforms of car inspectors and strikers and their sympathizers fought this afternoon on Turk street for more than an hour.

Eight men were shot, among them a policeman and Sergeant Detective Ball. Several of the men will die.

The shooting was done by strike breakers from car windows, in response to showers of paving stones and bricks hurled by the mob.

Finally a dozen or more of the guards were arrested by reserves from the central police station, and a union crowd boarded the rear-most car and started it back to the barns. Arriving there, the strikers charged, and revolver fire was opened from the barns. In this encounter several more men were shot.

A non-union man threw the switch at Turk and Fillmore streets, and the derailed car shot into the sidewalk, maiming two men; whose names have not been learned. In the stampede that followed, scores of women and children were trampled upon.

The appearance of relief squads to reinforce Police Captain Mooney's men resulted about 4:30 o'clock in the partial dispersing of the crowds.

A rumor has it that Supt. Chapman was seen about 5 o'clock driving rapidly on Golden Gate avenue in an automobile that was dashed with blood. There is no confirmation of the rumor that Chapman was wounded.

Practically all of the police reserves at the various precinct stations have been called out and are now patrolling the neighborhood of Fillmore and Turk streets.

MAY REOPEN FEUD.

**Bloody Fight n Sugar Island Creek
in Kentucky.**

Middlesboro, Ky., May 7.—On a fight on Sugar Island creek today John Howard and Martin Green were killed and Eleanor Howard and George Howard were probably fatally shot. James and George Green were also badly wounded.

John Howard is a relative of Jim Howard, under conviction for the murder of Gov. Goebel. The fight will probably reopen a bloody feud in the mountains.

WITH THE LAWMAKERS.

**Bill Creating Palm Beach County
Passed in Senate.**

Tallahassee, May 8.—The senate Heavy damage and loss of life was creating Palm Beach county. The vote was twenty to eleven.

Senator Johnson has been appointed chairman of senate committee on privileges and elections.

The Beard amendment is the special for the house this afternoon.

A bill has been introduced in the house appropriating \$15,000 for Middle Florida fair at Madison.

City Election.

The city election in Live Oak yesterday passed off very quietly, and a light vote was polled. There was no opposition to the Democratic nominees.

Those elected are as follows:
Mayor, J. B. Johnson.
Marshal, W. H. Lyle.
City Clerk, S. P. Mays.
Assessor, J. S. Kinkaid.
Bond Trustee, C. A. Hardee.
Aldermen, Dr. Barclay, Dr. T. S. Anderson, D. G. Bardin and J. E. Wood.

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